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1. A school for Army engineering officers is located on the eastern edge of Svishtov (N43-37, E25-20), between the Danube River and the first road running east and parallel to the river. The area extends over a length of several kilometers and contains many 1-story buildings.
2. The school trains both regular and reserve officers. Students preparing for a commission as a regular officer must have a secondary education and must have had one year's service in the Engineer's Corps before entering the school. The curriculum for regular officers consists of either two or three years of study. Reserve officers must also have a secondary education and prior service in a unit before entering school, but their curriculum may be of six months or one year's duration.
3. In the course of six months, an average of eight hours a day is devoted to lectures and practical exercises, and the remainder is spent on homework. Instruction is divided equally between theoretical lectures and practical exercises which includes the following subjects:
 - a. Construction of wooden bridges;
 - b. Pontoon bridges;
 - c. Roads and obstacles;
 - d. Topography;
 - e. Demolitions;
 - f. Land mines;
 - g. Knowledge of weapons;
 - h. Firing practice; and
 - i. Tactics and drill.

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4. The head of the school is a lieutenant colonel (Podpolkovnik), and the teaching staff consists of approximately 40 regular officers, ranking from lieutenant to lieutenant colonel. Only a few of these officers have college educations.

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